

# Student Co-operative Association (Eugene Oregon,) Timeline

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## 1900

- 1790 Alder St (Janet Smith) built as one family dwelling

## 1925

- 1670 Alder St. (Campbell Club) built for Delta Zeta Sorority House

## 1928

- 1648 Alder St. (Lorax Manner) built Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority

## 1934

- *A group of men from the Northwest Christian College begin living 'cooperatively' in a three bedroom apartment as an experiment to see how well they could live as cheaply as possible. Howard Ohmart, an SCA Alumni stayed with this group for a term.*

## 1935

- *Members from the Wesley Club began studying the Rochdale Weavers and the Swedish cooperative movement curious about starting a student cooperative in Eugene.*
- *Summer: Howard Ohmart, Charles Paddock and Briton Ash, begin organizing and recruiting to live cooperatively by fall term of that year.*
- *September 23 Howard Ohmart receives permission from the University housing committee to start a cooperative house.*
- *18 men join together to form Wallace J. Campbell Cooperative House at 13th and Hilyard. The namesake was a member of the Wesley Club while he attended U of O and was an activist for the cooperative movement.*

## 1936

- Campbell Club moves to 1335 Kincaide Street and opens a second house at 13th and Alder
- Fall term: the first women's cooperative opens with the help of Janet Smith

## 1944

- Campbell Club moves to 1335(?) Alder, previously Phi Sigma Kappa

## 1945

- Janet Smith, UO employment secretary and adviser to the women's cooperatives, dies at age 54

## **1962**

- Campbell Club moves to 1670 Alder Street

## **1963**

- November 24: a bomb explodes on the south side of the Campbell Club shattering windows (O.D.E.)

## **1972**

- Summer: Women accepted as members on a trial basis
- A motion to ban Playboy magazine from the co-op fails.

## **1980**

- April 20: Co-op Alumni Reunion

## **1981**

- 1790 Alder St (JS) purchased by the SCA for \$175,000
- Janet Smith Co-op Opens
- October 10: 2nd annual Co-op Alumni Reunion to celebrate the opening of Janet Smith Cooperative

## **1983**

- December: Lise Rein, SCA business manager, gives notice of resignation and continues to work until Feb. 28

## **1984**

- January: SCA hires Elbert Steele as SCA business manager and Michael Archer as organization manager

## **1988**

- Summer: Campbell Club undergoes major renovations including: refinishing the hardwood floors, painting halls and installing 1st floor bathroom. Janet Smith kitchen completely renovated.
- SCA begins using consensus for decision making

## **1989**

- Co-ops help to organize parking structure petition slated to be built across the street from the Campbell Club

## **1990**

- Fall Term: Lorax Manner Cooperative Opens
- Co-ops participate in student protests of CIA presence on campus.

## **1991**

- Co-op members participate in local anti-Persian Gulf war protest
- Co-ops are the subject of Daily Emerald feature article titled "Co-ops Provide Shelter from the Commonplace"
- November: co-op alumni reunion

## **1994**

- February: Co-op members fight to have the Amazon Family Housing Complex turned into a cooperative
- Policy changes to allow members to attend any institution of higher education (not solely UO)

## **1997**

- Winter term: Janet Smith leased to an alcohol and drug rehabilitation center called Passages for 3 1/2 years.

## **1998**

- Melanie Sicotte is hired as business manager

## **2000**

- Fall term: Janet Smith house reopens

## **2005**

- Janet Smith House closes winter term due to low membership, but reopens fall term as graduate student house

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